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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

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Applicant's request for withdrawal of suspension of action, paper No. 23, received 28 February 1996 has been considered. However, it is deemed inappropriate to withdraw the suspension at this time because, as applicant is aware, the complete HIV genomic sequence is fully disclosed in all of the applications involved in interference No. 102,822. If applicant loses the interference, then he loses his priority of invention for **all** HIV gene sequences. The interfering party will then constitute prior art to **any** and **all** HIV gene sequences claimed by applicant.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. F. Railey, whose telephone number is (703) 308-0281. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, and alternate Fridays, from 7:00 AM-4:30 PM.

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